

Master of Psychotherapy (MAP)

Document Checklist: Admission Requirements and Instructions

Stage 1: Submit your application through the Application Portal.

- Official Transcript:** An official transcript must be sent directly to the Admissions Office by the issuing institution or a recognized credential evaluation service (e.g., World Education Services – WES).
 - Email to: admissions@algomau.ca
 - Attention: Admissions Office

Academic Requirement:

- A four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution in psychology or a related field (e.g., social work, health sciences, or other programs with foundations in social and biological sciences).
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of B+ (77-79%) or equivalent in the final two years of study.

Applicants who do not meet the academic requirement above may still apply if they have a three-year undergraduate degree in psychology from an accredited institution, or a degree in a non-related discipline (e.g., Political Science), and one of the following:

- the equivalent of three (3) years of full-time work experience in the health or human services fields;
- relevant post-undergraduate training in mental health or a health-related field;
- self-identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

If admitted, any required prerequisite courses not yet completed must be taken in the spring term before the start of the program.

- These courses will be offered online asynchronously in advance to ensure students are prepared for graduate-level study.
 - Introduction to Psychology (Individual and Social Bases of Behaviour) (PSYC1107)
 - Psychopathology I (PSYC3606)
- English Language Requirements:** Non-native English speakers must demonstrate proficiency through one of the following:
 - Duolingo English Test (DET): Overall 130

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- IELTS Academic (including IELTS Online): 7.0 overall, with no band below 6.5
- TOEFL: 94 (Computer or Home Edition)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic & PTE Academic Online): 67

*Note that specific score thresholds align with institutional graduate program requirements. An English language test may be requested from any applicant.

Resume: Submit your resume in PDF format, including the following headings.

- Name and address
- Education, including all degrees and academic qualifications, with dates of completion or expected completion
- Paid experience
- Unpaid experience (e.g., practicums, internships)
- Volunteer or community work
- Scholarly work (if applicable)

Personal Statement: Your Personal Statement is a crucial part of your application. It is your opportunity to tell us about your journey, motivations, and why you aspire to a career in psychotherapy with our program.

● **Please follow these guidelines:**

- Length: Maximum of two (2) pages (1000 words)
- Format: Single-spaced, 12-point font
- File Type: PDF

● **Please address the following areas:**

- Describe a key insight, interest, or motivation about yourself and how it influences your desire to become a psychotherapist.
- Explain why you believe you are a good fit for this program.
- Tell us why you chose the Algoma University Master of Psychotherapy program.

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

- Provide the name, institution or organization, and email address of each referee. Algoma University will contact your references directly to request a letter of reference.



Response Time for Stage 1

After applying, please allow 6 to 8 weeks for a response from the MAP Admissions Coordinator. The response letter will indicate whether your application is moving forward to Stage 2 of the admissions process or if admission is denied.

***Notes:**

- Due to high application volume and to ensure a fair process, no updates or partial decisions will be provided. Please refer to the response times above.
- Applications must be complete and meet all requirements to be considered.
- This is a limited enrollment program; meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee admission.
- Admission is competitive and based on the overall merit of the application.
- Admissions decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.